

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE APPROVING A POSITION REGARDING COAL FIRED POWER PLANTS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO SENATOR HARRY REID RESPONDING TO HIS POSITION ON THE TOQUOP POWER PLANT PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED TWELVE MILES NORTH OF MESQUITE IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Mesquite is one of the fastest growing cities in Nevada and the availability of energy, particularly clean, renewable energy is a priority to us; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mesquite created the Mesquite Renewable Energy Task Force (Task Force) in 2006 to evaluate traditional and emerging energy technology that would address Mesquite's future power needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force will soon present their first report to the City Council recommending that Mesquite join with other Mayors by signing the U.S. Mayor Climate Protection Agreement and to adopt a renewable portfolio standard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council appreciate the position of Senator Reid on the potential negative impacts of coal fired, water cooled energy plants on the fragile high desert environment of Nevada, and the need to explore renewable energy sources; and

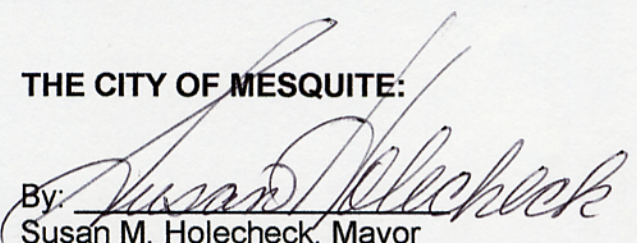
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor Susan M. Holecheck and the City Council of Mesquite, located in the State of Nevada, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council finds that a responsible approach to future energy needs should be based on clean, renewable sources, to every possible extent, that respect the fragile desert environment, and that takes advantage of the abundant natural resources found in Nevada, and is opposed to efforts that rely on traditional, fossil fuel driven options that produce dangerous emissions and disrupt the natural environment.

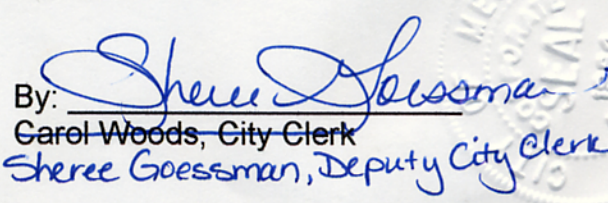
Section 2. The City Council does hereby approve a letter from Mayor Susan Holecheck, addressed to The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate joining him in his opposition to the Toquop coal-powered plant, and invite Senator Reid and his staff to attend a community workshop discussing how Mesquite can obtain the energy we need without sacrificing our pristine environment or depleting our valuable water resources.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Nevada on the 28th day of August, 2007.

**THE CITY OF MESQUITE:**

By:   
Susan M. Holecheck, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

By:   
Carol Woods, City Clerk  
Sheree Goessman, Deputy City Clerk

